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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A QUESTION OF AGENDA

EAST-WEST negotiations for a "summit" meeting have now shifted from problems of preparatory methods to the question of agenda and representation following the statement by the American Secretary of State, Mr Foster Dulles, that he does not consider a preliminary Foreign Ministers' conference is essential.

The announcement clearly removes a major obstacle to a meeting of heads of government as it is likely that France can now be brought around to the Anglo-American point of view.

Willingness

BUT without some Soviet willingness to broaden the scope of the talks to include topics proposed by the other Western governments, the preliminary exchanges, however conducted, remain likely to run into deadlock.

A further important topic for preliminary exchanges is the question of which states would attend a top-level meeting.

Here the "Big Four" (Britain, the United States, France and Russia) have not yet taken up firm positions, but possible difficulties remain over the question of China—and in a wider conference—East Germany.

But the common desire by Russia and the West to halt the arms race is the key to agreement at the proposed talks.

Danger

THE danger is that the agenda for the talks might become so long as to be unworkable or so short as to be meaningless.

That the heads of government would have to meet in genuine privacy, and eschew propagandist speeches addressed to the world at large, is the first essential.

The second is that they must not be content with simply breaking the ice, but must complete agreement on some subject, however limited.

Familiar Topics

ON all the familiar topics—disarmament, nuclear control, Germany, Eastern Europe—and even on the newly fashionable topic of disengagement the positions of the two sides appear to be as divided as ever.

Perhaps the search for limited agreement is best approached from a different angle. The common ground between Russia and the West is that modern armaments are appallingly dangerous.

It seems certain that both sides would welcome the chance to divert money from armaments for the sake of their own people, and because of the competition in aid to under-developed countries in which they are all engaged.

In Your Saturday Mail

In tomorrow's weekend China Mail:

★ Hongkong is threatened with "Massive Retaliation" for trademark piracy by Hongkong firms—by ROBIN HUTCHISON;

★ The last days of Shanghai—by JOHN LUFT;

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SECURITY COUNCIL CALLED

Sudan's Complaint To Be Heard

New York, Feb. 21. The United Nations Security Council will meet at 2000 hours GMT today on the Sudanese complaint of Egypt's claim on two zones of its territory, it was announced last night.

Egypt has announced plans to extend into the two border areas tomorrow a plebiscite which will be held throughout Egypt and Syria for election of a new United Arab Republic.

Armed Conflict

The Sudanese Foreign Minister, Mohammed A. Mahboub, warned today that his country would take military action if Egypt went through with the plan.

ARAB LEAGUE

Khartoum, Feb. 20. Sudan has called for an immediate meeting of the Arab League to consider its complaint that Egyptian troops are concentrating on the Sudanese border, official sources revealed tonight.

The sources said the Government instructed its Ambassador to Cairo, Yusuf Altnay, to lodge the application with the Secretary-General of the Arab League. —United Press.

The Sudanese Ambassador, Yacoub Osman, submitting the request for an emergency Security Council meeting to the UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, said Sudan was determined to defend its sovereignty as a result of "this breach of the peace," which he said, if not controlled, "may develop into armed conflict."

It was reported today in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, that Egypt was moving up troops along the Egyptian-Sudan border in the area of the two disputed zones, creating a dangerous tension.

Concentration

Mr Osman submitted to Mr Hammarskjöld note from the Sudanese Premier, Abdullah Khalil, the text of which was issued early today in Khartoum. It asked the Council "to meet immediately and use its good offices to stop the impending Egyptian aggression."

Mr Osman, acting a voice for himself in the meeting, requested an "urgent meeting" of the Council to discuss the grave situation existing on the Sudan-Egyptian border, resulting from the massed concentrations of Egyptian troops moving toward the Sudanese frontier. —Reuter and United Press.

CONSERVATIVES WIN SWEEPING APPROVAL



Mr Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, acknowledging the greetings of members of the Young Conservatives Victoria Branch at No. 10 Downing Street last week when he returned home after his Commonwealth tour.—Keystone.

Franco-Tunisian Crisis Deteriorating

Tunis, Feb. 20. The Tunisian Government told the British and American Ambassadors here today that the Franco-Tunisian crisis was worsening.

Britain and the United States have offered their good offices to help settle the dispute.

A Tunisian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Foreign Minister, M. Sidi Mokdad, warned that British Ambassador, Mr Angus Malcolm, and the United States Ambassador, Mr Lewis Jones, of the seriousness of last night's incursions at Remada, in the extreme south of Tunisia, where three local officials were reported to have been kidnapped by French troops and held until this morning.

Violation

Mr Mokdad said it was a violation of International Law. The French say that a jeep blew up on a mine at the aerodrome at Remada, seriously wounding two French soldiers, and the officials were brought into the camp for questioning.

The Tunisian Foreign Ministry spokesman said M. Mokdad asked the British and American Ambassadors to tell their Governments of the deterioration in Franco-Tunisian relations and the worsening situation in Tunisia.

Defiance

M. Mokdad said the French Government was displaying an attitude of "systematic defiance" despite the "supine" attitude of the Tunisian Government.

The Tunisians have agreed to permit food supplies to French troops blockaded in their camps for nearly a fortnight, and have allowed General Antoine Gamblez, the French Commander in Tunisia, to move about freely.

Tunisian Government representatives flew to Remada today to inquire into the incident there. French sources reported that General Gombaud, Commander of French forces in the south of Tunisia, had also gone to make an on-the-spot investigation. —Reuter.

New Union

Damascus, Feb. 20. Saudi Arabia is attempting to form a third Arab Union on a federal basis in conjunction with Kuwait and Bahrain, the independent daily newspaper "Sawt al-Arab" reported today.

The new union would control about 75 per cent of the Middle East oil. —United Press.

Footballer Dies

Munich, Feb. 21. Duncan Edwards, Manchester United footballer injured in the Munich air crash a fortnight ago died in hospital here early today. —Reuter.

USN PLANE VANISHES

London, Feb. 20. An US Navy Constellation patrol plane carrying up to 23 men vanished on a mid-Atlantic flight today and Air Rescue units launched an immediate umbrella search over freezing, storm-whipped seas between Newfoundland and the Azores.

The big four-engined aircraft, military version of the Commercial Constellation, took off from the Argentine Newfoundland, Air Station at midnight.

It failed to return tonight from a round-trip patrol mission.

The Air Force officially confirmed that the Atlas blew up two minutes after leaving the launching pad.

A short announcement said the missile completed the powered phase of its flight and blew up seconds after entering its ballistic coasting trajectory.

The announcement did not give any reason for the explosion.

The Atlas launched today was the missile that had failed last Saturday. —Reuter.

Bank Loan

Cairo, Feb. 20. The World Bank President, Eugenio Black, will arrive in Cairo next month to discuss the possibility of a bank loan to improve the operations of the Suez Canal. It was learned today. —United Press.

DAVE BECK GETS 15 YEARS

Seattle, Feb. 20. Dave Beck, Sr., once head of the powerful Teamsters Union, was today sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for misappropriating \$1,900 of union money.

His son, Dave Beck, Jr., was fined \$2,000 and his sentence

COMMONS ENDORSES FOREIGN POLICY

London, Feb. 20. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan won a sweeping Parliamentary endorsement tonight for his policy calling for new summit talks with the Russians, but only after sufficient preparation to offer fair chances of success.

The House of Commons wound up a two-day foreign affairs debate with a 308 to 242 vote in favour of the Conservative Government.

The vote—a technical one calling for the adjournment of the House—was demanded by Labour to voice its disapproval of the Government's foreign policy.

Reiterated

The Prime Minister, in a closing speech winding up the debate, reiterated the statement he made yesterday that he favours a new summit meeting.

But he flatly rejected inconsistent Labour opposition demands that a date should be fixed immediately.

"To do this unilaterally on my part tonight would seem to be an act of folly," the Prime Minister declared. "I can think of more certain way of killing the summit conference."

He cautioned against a mere propaganda success in a new meeting with the Russians. But he said: "If the conference is carefully prepared, it might obtain some modest advance."

"Then, however small the advance, an immense change would come," he predicted. "Because there would be always the possibility of moving on to some further steps." —United Press.

DISMISSED

Today's report follows that on

Tuesday that Somba would sit

with the revolutionary repub-

lic that was set up in Padang last

weekend.

After Somba had made this

statement himself, he was dismis-

sioned from his army post and

ordered to be arrested by the

Djakarta authorities.

The radio later broadcast a message from the revolutionary government's Defence minister, Burhanuddin Harahap, to Colonel Somba, telling him: "Do not attack first unless compelled to" and at the same time thanking him for his offer of reinforcements to the Padang govern-

ment. —France-Press.

ATLAS BLOWS UP AGAIN

Cape Canaveral, Feb. 20. An Atlas Intercontinental Ballistic Missile was launched here today and disappeared in a ball of fire about 30 seconds after it left the launching pad.

Unofficial observers said it appeared to have blown up.

The Atlas roared skywards for about 30 seconds before curving slowly towards the east, leaving a vapour trail in its wake.

Two minutes later observers saw a huge ball of fire which the missile could no longer be seen.

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Beck, Sr., will not necessarily

serve 15 years.

That is the maximum mand-

tory under Washington state

law. But a minimum term

will be set by the state board

of parole.

He was convicted last Decem-

ber of misappropriating the

\$4,650 from the sale of a car

owned by the 1,500,000 mem-

ber union—America's biggest.

His son was convicted last

November for pocketing

\$4,440 from the sale of two

other union cars. —China Mail

Special.

200 Dead In Triple Mine Disaster

PIT SEALED

DOOMING

182 MINERS

Calcutta, Feb. 20. One of the worst mining disasters in Indian history came to its tragic end at dawn today when mining engineers made the decision to seal off a pit dooming 182 trapped miners.

Another 35 minutes were pre-
pared dead in nearby mines which were flooded when the highly mechanized 2,000-foot shaft at Chinakuri in West Bengal exploded last night.

All night rescue operations were abandoned when flames threatened rescuers before two more explosions rocked the Chinakuri pit, turning it into a raging volcanic inferno.

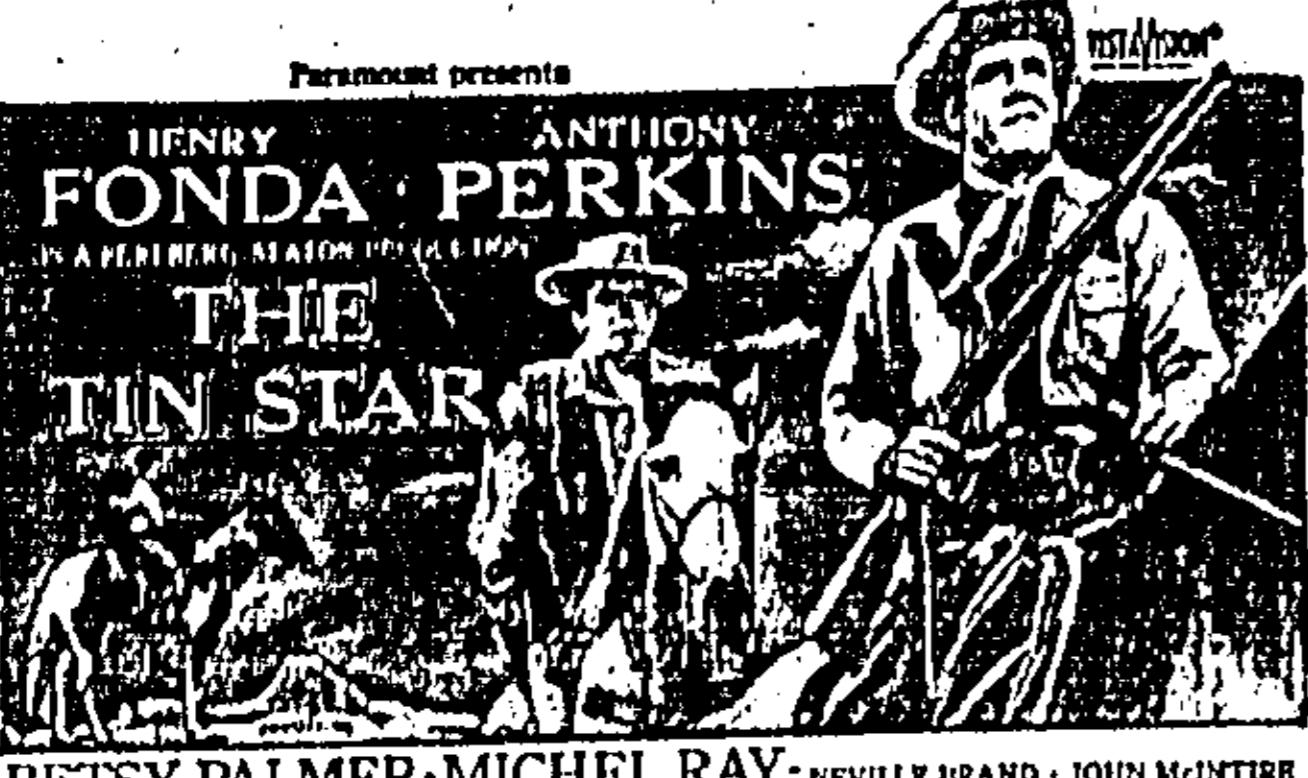
Rescue workers donned masks and worked desperately to bring out survivors before the final blast.

The initial blast took place at 9:45 p.m. last night and was followed by flooding which trapped miners at both the Chinakuri and Bhora mines.

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KING'S PRINCESS

Showing To-Day

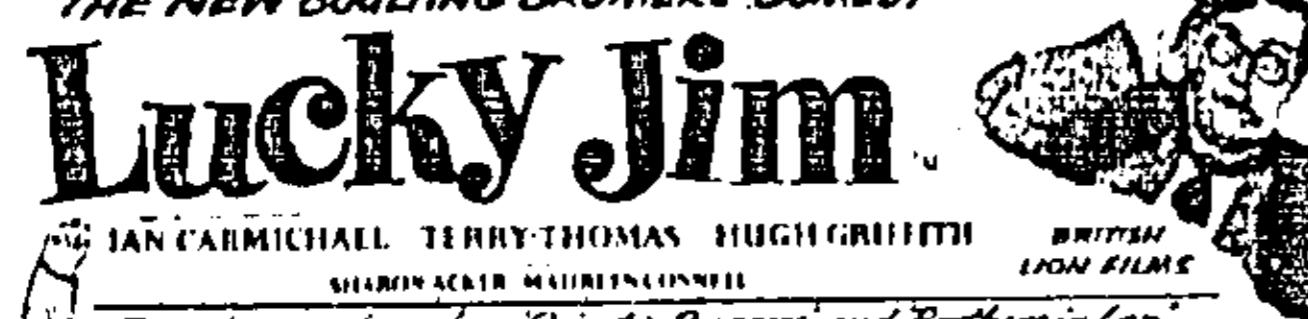
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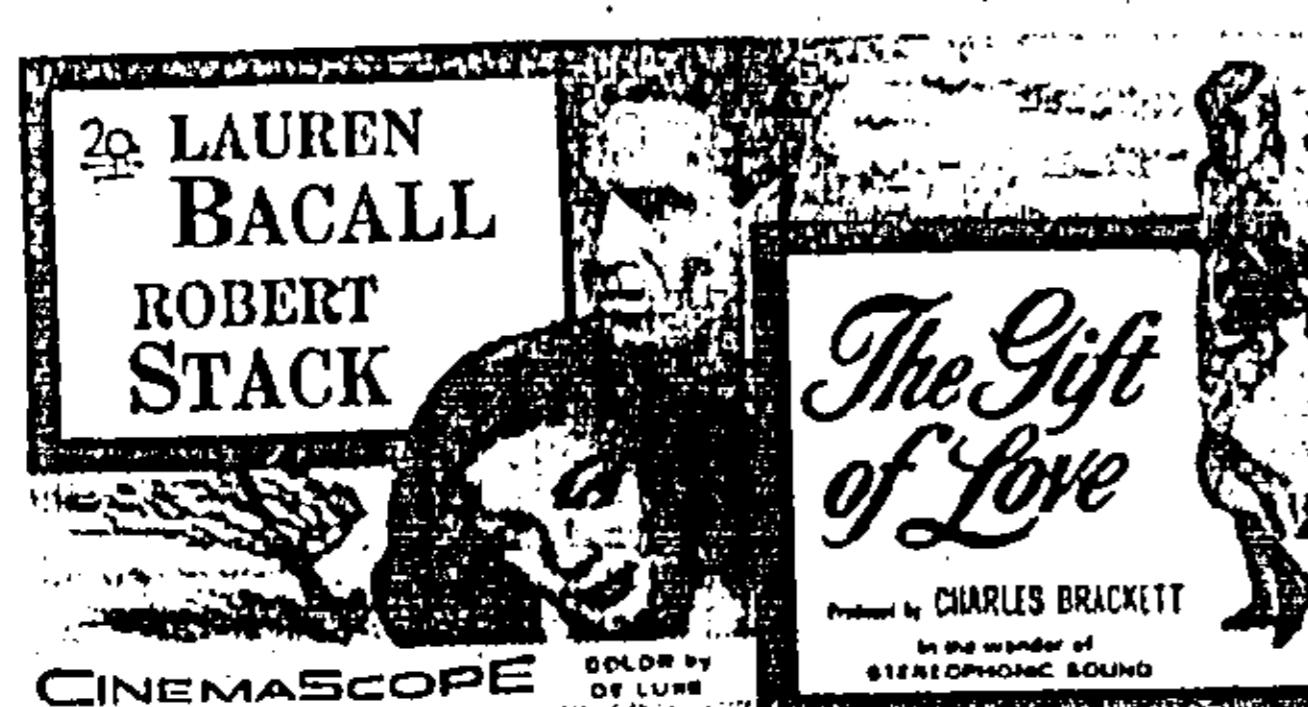
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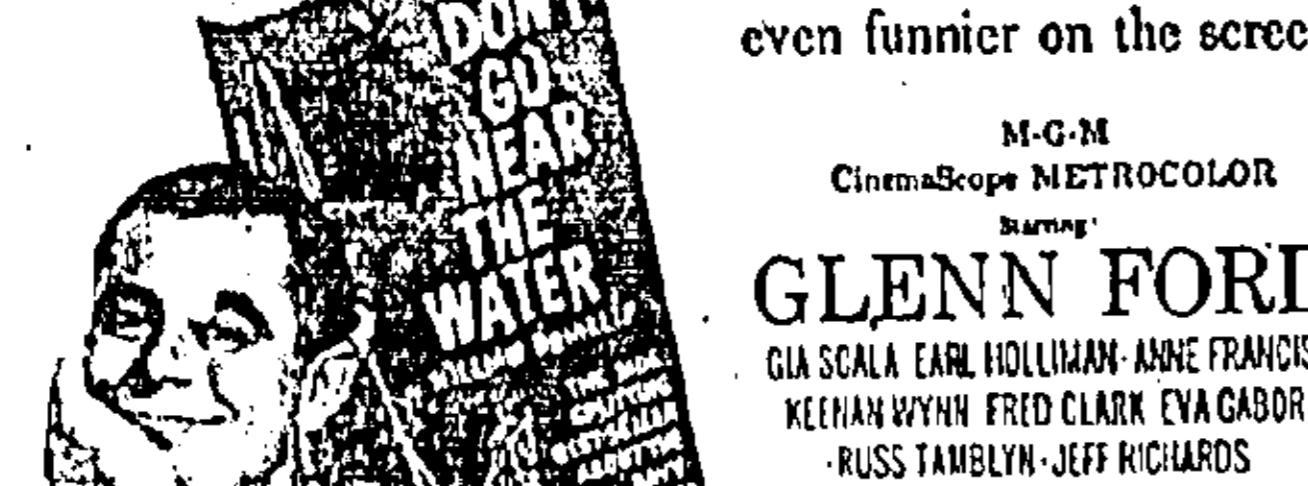
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RETORT
TO PEKING

Washington, Feb. 20. — The State Department spokesman said today that the Chinese Communists could protest until they were blue in the face, but the fact remained that they, and not the United Nations or the United States were the aggressors in Korea.

The spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, made this comment when questioned for the second day on China's announcement that it would withdraw all its troops from North Korea by the end of the year.

The State Department yesterday called on China to follow its announced troop withdrawal by an agreement to achieve the unification of North and South Korea through free elections under United Nations supervision.

Mr White was asked today if United Nations troops, the majority of whom are U.S. troops, would be withdrawn from South Korea after such elections had been held.

Conceivable

Mr White replied that if the elections were held, and if the situation was such that the United Nations forces would not be required in South Korea, a complete withdrawal would be "conceivable," but he would not say anything more about possible future events.

Mr White also said that the United States would not accept a Chinese proposal that a body of neutral nations should supervise elections in Korea.

He said the United States stood by U.N. resolutions which called for free, unfettered elections under United Nations supervision.—Reuter.

In Case The President Falls Ill

Washington, Feb. 20. — A House of Representatives sub-committee today approved a Bill providing that if a Vice President should die when to assume temporarily the duties of a disabled President,

Under the proposed Bill, a commission composed largely of senior Congressional members would make recommendations to the Vice President, but the commission's finding would not bind on him.

The Republican Administration has contended that a constitutional amendment is necessary to state how to determine when a President is disabled, therefore it appears that if Congress passes the proposed Bill it will be vetoed by President Eisenhower.—Reuter.

SHIPWRECKED MEN TELL OF DRAMA

"We were almost too weak to signal"

Norfolk, Feb. 20.

Two Italian seamen who clung to an overturned lifeboat for 16 hours in the raging Atlantic

after abandoning their sinking ship on Tues-

day said today they were almost too weak to

signal when a rescue vessel hove into sight.

Chief Officer Albo Cardillo, 31, of Trieste, and machinist Giuseppe Valentini, 35, of Molise, arrived here today aboard the Navy destroyer escort Lester, praising a heroic New Jersey sailor and the radio operator of their ill-fated vessel, the ore ship *St. Bonitas* which went down after springing a leak 100 miles east of Cape Lookout, North Carolina.

Cardillo and Valentini said they never gave up hope.

They were in hospital here suffering from shock. Cardillo also suffered a bruised shoulder.

Twenty-one bodies of their crewmates were recovered and a 22nd was still missing and presumed dead. Three other survivors were aboard the cargo-passenger ship President Adams bound for Cristobal, Panama.

Cardillo blamed the sinking on the shifting of part of the

IRA "Chief
Of Staff"
Interviewed
On TV

London, Feb. 20.

A man described as "Chief of Staff of the Irish Republican Army" appeared in an independent (commercial) television programme here (night)—but his face was not seen by viewers.

The Irish Republican army is an outlawed organisation pledged to fight until Northern Ireland is united with the Irish Republic.

After films of I.R.A. destruction had been shown on tonight's programme, the "Chief of Staff" was asked how he could justify such activities.

He replied: "Force is justifiable because it is the only means left to us. We are fighting in defence of a republican government."

Viewers were told that an investigation had proved the man, who spoke with a strong Irish brogue, to be genuine.

The "Chief of Staff" asked for his organisation's final objective, declared: "That we shall overthrow you or die."

The interview was filmed last year—China Mail Special.

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**CABLE
BRIEFS**

San Leandro, Feb. 20. Franklin E. Jarvis, a convicted San Francisco murderer who escaped from a prison camp, had an intriguing story for authorities who recaptured him here less than 24 hours later.

Jarvis, 55, said the reason he fled was that officials had refused to give him much support for his feet, and he said the reason he got as far as San Leandro from the Southern Prison Camp was that he obtained directions from a San Francisco police officer.—United Press.

Los Angeles, Feb. 20. Officers of the Union Rescue Mission, a Skid Row refuge, suffered a severe strain on their faith in human nature when a man telephoned an offer of a couple of ducks. Their faith stood the test, though, because he followed through with two delicious ducks. The donor's name: a Mr. Mullard.—United Press.

Memphis, Feb. 20. The City and Jessie Irby are square at last.

Irby showed up yesterday and claimed the \$8,000 pay he left behind when he quit his job as a labourer five years ago.—United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 20. A restaurant seeking to capitalize on the approach of February 22 and the fact that it has an employee with a famous namesake, is advertising: "George Washington works here."—United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 20. Mrs Lucy Lindeman, 71, won a decree of separate maintenance from her husband, Peter, also 71, after testifying that she "layed all day to prepare fine meals" for Lindeman, who gave the food to the dog, "plate and all."—United Press.

Atlanta, Feb. 20. The Georgia Senate has passed a measure ordering revision of the State song to "make it more singable."—United Press.

London, Feb. 20. A Judge ruled yesterday that political differences are not grounds for divorce.

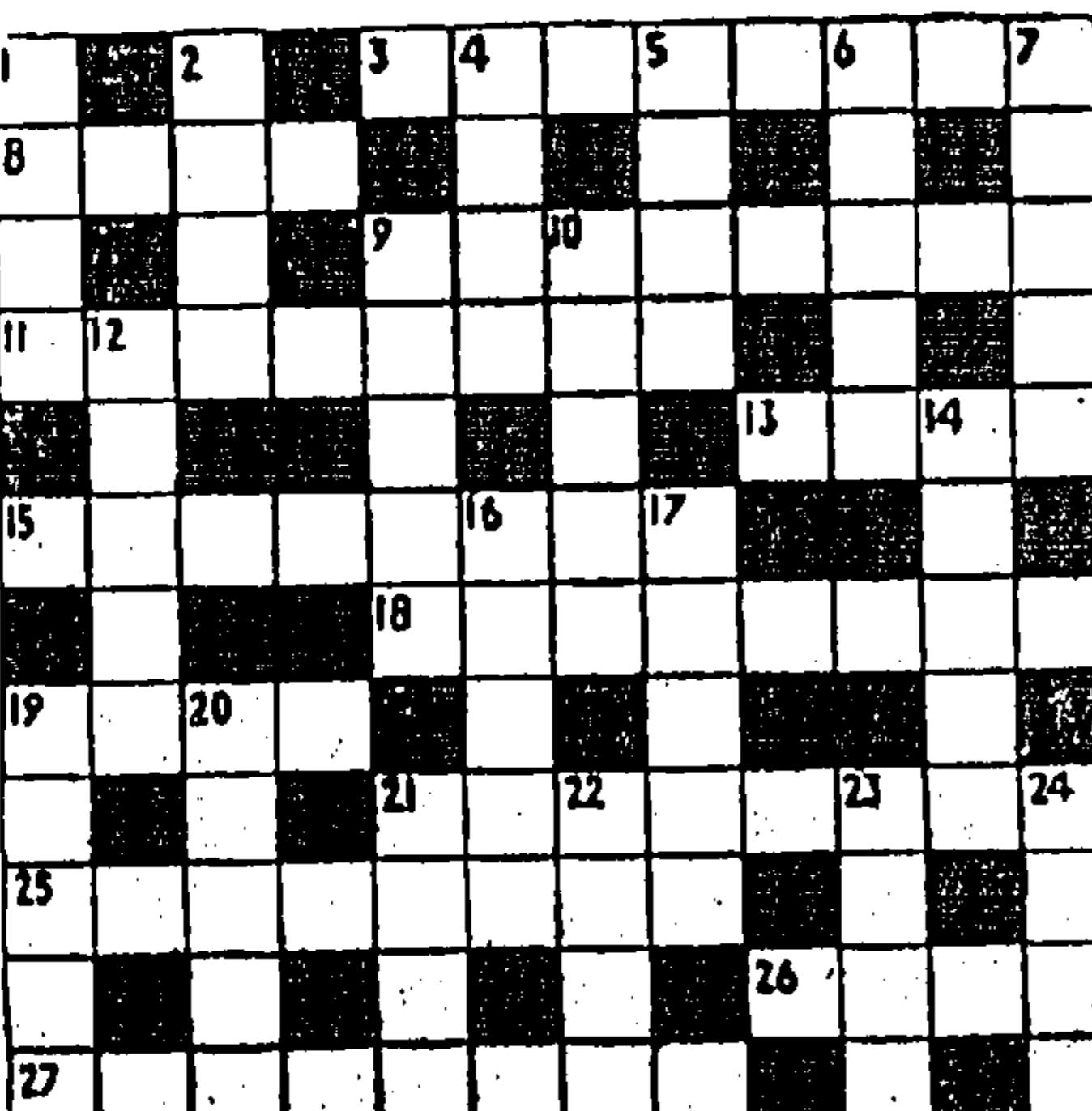
He dismissed the petition of Mrs Louisa Colledge, who had charged that her husband, George, was cruel to her because among other things he was a "sincere believer in Socialism," while she had "a Conservative way of thinking."—United Press.

Permission To Wed Princess?

Stockholm, Feb. 20. KING Gustaf Adolf of Sweden was reported today to have given his permission for Princess Margaretha, his granddaughter, to marry Mr. Robin Douglas-Home, nephew of the Earl of Home.

The evening newspaper *Aftonbladet* published the report amid rumours in Stockholm that an engagement will be announced in the near future.

A communiqué from the Swedish Court said tonight that Mr. Douglas-Home was expected in Stockholm at the beginning of next month, and that he would meet Princess Margaretha.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle


ACROSS

- Polite conflict, it seems (6, 3)
- Pay for use (6)
- Obviously strong (6)
- Territorial division (6)
- Do some cleaning? (4)
- Feeler (4)
- Without a murmur (6)
- Motoring with (4)
- Say what it's like (6)
- Mr. Maughan's shire (6)
- Swinger on a sports field? (4)
- Game veteran? (6, 5)

DOWN

- Cut of meat (4)
- Three in harmony (4)
- Spanish town (4)
- Is in Lancashire (4)
- Run off without paying out (6)
- Comparatively uncommon (6)
- He had the golden touch (6)
- Burn (6)
- Old magistrate (6)
- At pleasure (4, 3)
- Remades (6)
- Official proclamation (6)
- Great relish (5)
- Ready for the fray (5)
- Sweet & sour (4)
- Burn again (4)
- Growing girl (4)
- Webs in just (4)

THURSDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1 Smell, 5 Farce, 8 Album, 9 Oppose, 10 Nudes, 10 Decade, 10 Tease, 20 Sums, 22 Tier, 23 Stoic, 25 Sophs, 26 Idioms, 27 Grand, 28 Stand, 29 Gamely, Down: 1 Shockers, 2 Immolate, 3 Half, 4 Stutter, 5 Funeral, 6 Abused, 7 Crest, 14 Seminole, 15 Gauntlet, 16 D-a-s-t-e-r, 17 Ceiling, 18 Design, 21 Trust, 24 Edits.

Reply To Eleven US Governors

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Belief In Soundness Of The US Economy

Thomasville, Feb. 20.

President Eisenhower declared today that nothing but a loss of "tough-minded confidence in the future" can plunge the U.S. into a deep and long economic decline.

"I believe that the underlying growth factors in the economy remain vigorous, and every indication is that they will reassert themselves later in the year," the President said.

The President expressed this belief in a telegram sent today to Governor Averell Harriman of New York, in reply to a telegram from Mr. Harriman and 10 other governors on February 13, expressing their views on the current economic situation.

A RISE IN PART-TIME WORKERS

Bonn, Feb. 20. The number of short-time workers in West Germany rose from 20,571 in December, 1957 to 44,008 in January, 1958.

Unemployment insurance authorities said that the textile and clothing industries were worst affected by short time working.

Workers in 17 textile factories in Hesse are on strike for increases of up to 25 pfennigs (about fivepence sterling) an hour.

Textile workers are also on strike in Württemberg and Lower Saxony.—China Mail Special.

Coast Guard Rushes To The Rescue

The President stressed his belief in the underlying soundness of the U.S. economy.

"Our history shows that economic recovery and growth is not a matter of Washington stop-gaps or panaceas," he said.

"It is as necessary to avoid doing the wrong thing as to do the right one."

"We must actively seek to speed the recreation of productive job opportunities for those out of work in ways that will not undermine confidence and thus jeopardise the jobs of the more than 63,000,000 Americans who are at work today."

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The Unknown Giant

CHAPTER 4 by SEFTON DELMER

Moment of Victory

BUT DON'T SMILE TOO SOON, ZHUKOV!
—FOR YOUR TURN TOO IS COMING...

IS it a coincidence? Or is it the result of one of the most sinister and most perfectly executed plots in history?

The fact is that all the "comrades in arms" of Stalin, killed or banished from power by Krushchev in his successive coups, are men whom Stalin himself was plotting to "remove" when, most conveniently for them, he was put out of action by a stroke in March 1953.

Lavrenti Beria, the police chief arrested on Krushchev's denunciation and later executed; Vyacheslav Molotov, Lazar Kaganovich, and Georgi Malenkov, kicked out and banished after Krushchev's coup in June 1957—all four were on Stalin's list for liquidation.

Evidence

FRANKLY, the more I look into the available evidence, the more I am convinced that Krushchev himself had helped put the idea of a new purge into the old tyrant's head.

He was in an excellent position to do so. From the moment of his return to Moscow in December 1949, Krushchev had managed to infiltrate himself closer and closer into the old man's heart, and secure for himself an influential voice deep in his most secret schemings.

Krushchev's purpose? The one that he has now at last achieved: to secure for himself and his supporters in the party machine the ruling voice in all Soviet affairs—political, military, and economic.

It is a significant pointer that, of the 10 men promoted to the ruling Presidium after the removal of Malenkov, Molotov and Kaganovich last June, five were Krushchev men, whom he had, with Stalin's help, pushed into the Presidium formed in 1952.

They had lost their jobs and their power when Stalin died. Now, with Krushchev riding the crest once more, they are back. And with them eight more apparatchiks, as sashayishly devoted to Mr K. as Krushchev himself was to Stalin.

For three years after Stalin's death Krushchev had been extolling Stalin, building himself up as the "most intimate" of Stalin's "comrades in arms," working hard to legitimise himself in his position as First Secretary as Stalin's rightful successor.

Gamble

BUT then came the Twentieth Congress in February 1956. And there Krushchev embarks on the boldest—and, as it turns out, the shrewdest—gamble in his bid for the succession.

In a dramatic speech delivered to a special midnight session, Krushchev denounces Stalin, demands that the Soviet Union and the party return to the true road of Socialism pointed by Lenin.

It was a tremendous risk he was taking—exposing both himself, the party and the entire Soviet structure to an earthquake of which no one could gauge the consequences.

For those who regard Krushchev as impetuous and unpredictable, here was the perfect evidence. But I fancy he had thought the move over very carefully in all its aspects.

At home, it gave him the heroic stature of a liberator.

Everywhere party operatives flocked to the standard of the new leader, left the men whom he was attacking.

Not that he was home yet.

The revolt in Hungary—coming on top of the Poznan riots—gives his opponents their big chance.

Typically he has his men arrest the Hungarian Government at a meeting to which they had been cordially invited for Soviet-Hungarian negotiations. That ends the Hungarian

revolt, but not the anti-Krushchev intrigue. In April 1957 Krushchev decides that the time has come to have the showdown with his enemies.

Deliberately he sets a wonderfully innocent-looking stage. He arranges a big 250th birthday party for the city of Leningrad.

It is of no importance to Krushchev that it is quite impossible to claim the year 1957 as the 250th anniversary of Leningrad, which was founded in 1703. Nor is there time for any of the preparatory build-up associated with such festivities.

"What the heck," I can almost hear Krushchev saying in his oath-filled vernacular Russian, "I want to drink some vodka. Isn't it Leningrad's turn to have a party? What are you talking about?"

The Leningrad celebrations have not officially begun when Krushchev and Premier Bulganin arrive there at the beginning of June on their way to Finland for a State visit.

A vast, jubilant crowd meets them at the station, mobs them wherever they go.

Stampeded

KRUSHCHEV'S agents have arranged for "spontaneous" questions to be hurled at him out of the crowd. They concern the notorious Leningrad purge of 1940, in which under the auspices of Beria and Malenkov almost all the top Leningrad executives have been either executed or deported to the salt mines.

"We shall not rest," Krushchev roars into the crowd, "until all those have been brought to book who were responsible for these vile deeds." And then, to leave no one in doubt as to whom he means, he adds, "I would like to have had Comrade Malenkov with me here today, so that he could tell us who was really responsible for the murder and deportation of hundreds of innocent Leningrad comrades."

A monstrous piece of effrontery for the man who, as Stalin's "pürger-in-chief" in the Ukraine, was himself hard to legitimise himself in his position as First Secretary as Stalin's rightful successor.

Stampeded.

A HARD TASK FOR JIMMY MURPHY

Matt Busby's Assistant Manager Can Start Build-Up Immediately

By ARTHUR WALMSLEY

When the Elizabethan airliner carrying Manchester United rocketed over the runway and ploughed into the ground at Munich the most fantastic British footballing machine of all time came to a halt and died.

Eight of the seventeen Busby "Babes" who had grown to men perished. Of those who survived there can only be reasonable certainty at this stage that Billy Foulkes, Harry Gregg, Bobby Charlton and Ray Wood will play again.

In a split second, the team was the victim of a soccer Empire which had taken Matt Busby, former Scottish international, ten years to build up to comparative honours, and carried him to a position of young and undreamed-of "possessions."

What happens to Manchester United now? Can they ever regain the greatness of the last decade? The heart says: "Yes, and very soon." But the head preaches caution, and answers: "Maybe, maybe—but the road back is going to be long and very hard."

For the United team that was shattered at Munich was no miracle of happy chance. Matt Busby is still uncertain.

Soccer Teams Must Take The Risk Of Travelling By Air Says TOM FINNEY

Should football teams continue to fly to matches? Yes. Disasters like the Manchester United air crash cannot be allowed to put the clock back. We have just got to learn from them, and try to stop the same thing happening again.

It is less than 12 months since the Football League lifted their ban on air travel to matches. Now the President, Mr Joe Richards, says the Management Committee will reconsider their decision at their next meeting.

In the circumstances, you couldn't expect him to do otherwise.

But there have been some shocking rail disasters, two quite recently at Lewisham and Dagenham. And people do not stop using trains after big crashes, any more than that far crew resign after an air crash. I don't think the Football League will ban air travel again, although they may advise clubs to make air trips in two planes, as Preston North End will probably do when they tour South Africa in the summer.

I have flown thousands of miles across Europe, the United States, South America and South Africa, flying just as safe as in a car. And I am not afraid of getting lost in a plane again after the United crash.

Maybe I'm a fatalist in these things. I believe that if your number is on the ticket, you've had it, as we used to believe in the Services during the war.

Apart from air and road crashes, we never realize what a terrible road toll there is until we see the figures.

Show The World

Teams must take the risk of travelling by air, and I think that is what the FA and League will advise them to do. Otherwise, what would happen to Britain in international football, like the World Cup? Are we to stand aside in not-so-complete isolation, and not show the world that we, who taught others to play football, can still play it as the best of them?

To do this would be a backward step. If air travel is banned, Britain would be regarded as a back number at football.

There has been some controversy over whether the other Saturday's matches should have been postponed in respect to

Hashim Khan Seeded In Open Squash Turney

London, Feb. 20. Hashim Khan (Pakistan), recent winner of the Dunlop Open Tournament, is seeded to meet his brother, Azam (New Zealand), in the first of the Open Squash Championships to be played at the Lansdowne Club from March 26 to 31, if both reach that point. The brothers fought out the Dunlop final with Hashim winning in three straight sets. Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan) an 18-year-old left-hander, is seeded third and Yusuf Khan, the Indian professional at Leicester, is number four. Nothan Khan (Pakistan), last year's winner, is not defending. France-Presse.

THE GAMBOLES . . .



THE TRAGIC SOCCER TEAM



Britain is mourning the tragedy which befell the Manchester United soccer team when a plane carrying players returning from a match in Belgrade crashed shortly after take-off at Munich Airport. Of the 21 persons who were killed in the crash, seven were players.

Picture shows:—A line-up of the team as it was. Standing, from left: — Trainer Tom Currie (dead); left-half Duncan Edwards (dead); half-back Mark Jones (dead); goalkeeper Ray Wood (injured); inside-right Bobby Charlton (injured); right-back Billy Foulkes (injured); and manager Matt Busby (injured).

Satated, from left, are outside-right John Berry (injured); forward Bill Whelan (dead); full-back and captain Roger Byrne (dead); winger David Pegg (dead); half-back Eddie Colman (dead).—London Express Photo.

Replacements

The half back replacements for the late Eddie Colman and Duncan Edwards are ready—made in Freddie Goodwin and young Wilf McGuire.

Both these men are "recovered" only in the Manchester United sense. With any other club they would have been automatic first team choices. With the addition of Gregg in goal and Foulkes at right full back, Jimmy Murphy will start with a nucleus of a defence as good as any in England or Scotland or Wales.

In attack, however, he is sure only of the return of Bobby Charlton. Of the once star-striker of forward talent, Tommy Taylor, Bill Whelan and David Pegg are dead, and the footballing future of Albert Scanlon, Johnny Berry, Dennis Viollet and Ken Morgan are in considerable doubt.

Reconstruction of the forward line is going to be Jimmy Murphy's biggest task. Yet here again he is by no means bankrupt of talent—even though that talent is still mostly immature.

Some of the people paying their respects at Maine Road—United supporters among them—had been there for years.

Would Not Have

I have read that the victims of the United crash would not have wanted matches postponed. Mark Pearson, 18-year-old inside-forward, is another close to first team standard.

For utility man Murphy has Welsh international Colin Webster, who has had considerable first team experience.

But there are still two forward gaps to fill—and frankly I see

none on the books as yet who are ready to fill them adequately.

They have set the pattern for youth, and have the basis already for a more-than-useful team. They are much better off than many clubs would have been in similar circumstances, for quite a number of their youngsters have been bloodied already, and there are plenty more coming on.

The careful acquisition of three or four experienced players could produce a team capable of upholding United's glorious postwar traditions. The same applies to England. The team of Matt Busby, for example, ahead he could not have been expected to fail them adequately.

It was Matt's dream to have a second team as good as his first—and he came miraculously close to achieving it. But even a Busby could not plan for the crash which not only shattered that first team but wrecked the second line strength as well.

The third line strength is still there—just as Busby planned. But not even Jimmy Murphy and Manchester United can speed up time—and so the watching world must wait for the youngsters to grow up a little.

Murphy will keep them moving. And Murphy, if he has to, is good enough to do it alone.

But I fancy it will be two years at least before we see even the first glimmerings of a return to Manchester United's greatness.

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SOCER NEWS

Mel Charles To Ask For A Transfer At The End Of The Season?

By JAMES CONNOLY

London. Swansea's Welsh international half-back Mel Charles, whom Chelsea are anxious to sign, is to ask for a transfer if his club are relegated at the end of the season.

He says, "I don't think Swansea would let me go at the moment. But if we go down I would ask for a transfer in order to keep in a higher class of football."

Swansea are at the bottom of the Second Division. Their chance of going down will not be lessened by the transfer of star outside-left Cliff Jones.

Chelsea manager Ted Drake was at the Wales-Israel World Cup-Cup in Cardiff to press his claims for both Jones and Charles. I believe he is more interested in Charles, of whom he says: "At one time I thought that he was going to be an even better proposition than his brother, John Charles."

For Swansea Charles has been playing at right-half and he had a spell at centre-forward. He says: "I prefer centre-half, my position for Wales. I shall insist on playing there if I am transferred."

It might suit Chelsea. They could move John Mortimore from the middle back to his old place of right-half.

A Rival

Seventeen-year-old John Mitten, who deputised for his father, player-manager Charlie Mitten, in the Mansfield Town team against Cup giant-killers Darlington the other week, has a rival in his younger brother, Charlie junior, a Mansfield Schools footballer.

Young Charlie is an insatiable forward and is reputed to be able to kick a dead ball almost as hard as his famous, ex-international father—which is saying a lot!

Who gets the Newcastle manager's job? My tip-off is that Alec Stock, former Roma and Leyton Orient boss, is top of the list.

Who gets the Burnley job? Harry Potts (Shrewsbury) and Ron Stuart (Scunthorpe) are most fancied with Arthur Turner

(Birmingham) also in the reckoning.

Who gets the Blackpool job? Stan Mortensen (Southport) is still favourite, but I shall be surprised if Johnny Carey, who has done such wonderful work at Blackburn, isn't very much in the lead.

Now he is a full-time player, and after 18 matches he hasn't spent a moment on the table with injury.

And Islwyn is returning the £250 to the Players Union, hoping for a big comeback.

Swans are very interested.

An Early Bid

Expect Newcastle to make an early bid for Jack Henderson, Portsmouth's Scottish international forward.

Newcastle have searched desperately all season for a centre forward and a left-winger. Henderson can play in either position.

What is the secret of West Bromwich Albion's ability to switch players during a match without any loss of rhythm?

Vic Buckingham thinks that their six-a-side football during training has a lot to do with it.

"The boys are very keen on this game," he told me. "They have teams of their own and often come back in the afternoon to play off one of their matches."

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ICE HOCKEY

Oulu, Feb. 20. Canada beat Norway 5-0 in an international ice hockey match here tonight.—Reuter.

THE ACCENT WILL BE ON ATTACK

NOW ZIP RUGBY IS ON THE WAY

By PAT MARSHALL

Rugby, as we played it in our school days, is dead. Rugby as you saw it at Twickenham recently is dead too—or it will be when the new season opens next September.

In its place—a speeded-up, streamlined game, with the accent on ATTACK.

The International Board—representatives of each of the four Home Unions plus Australia, South Africa and New Zealand—spent four days considering 48 pages of suggested amendments, and they have really gone to town.

Sir Wavell Wakefield, one of the two English representatives to the Board (the other is Bill Bambridge), told me: "The guiding principle throughout all our deliberations has been to make Rugby both a better game to play and to watch."

Speed-Up

Above all this will speed up the game. Now both sides will be striving for the ball and in consequence will go in wing forwards and above instead of marking and both back lines will go in attacking formations instead of the tight head side's backs lying up on the advantage line.

Many other improvements were suggested. None have been definitely thrown out. Sir Wavell said: "Quietly, during the next three years, we'll try them out, experiment, then get together again and compare notes."

This Rugby game is a growing child. The new laws are just another step forward—not the ultimate.

THE NEW RUGBY LAWS

Laws 2 and 14. T H E KNOCK-ON: An unintentional knock-on direct from a kick will not be an infringement, provided the player recovers the ball before it touches the ground or another player.

Law 8 TIME: Permitted delays (injuries, etc.) not more than two minutes instead of three as at present.

Law 10 (15) ADVANTAGE: The advantage law is extended to include tactical advantage in addition to mere territorial advantage. It will apply to all phases of the game except the kick-off and bringing the ball into play from touch.

Law 15 SCRUMMAGE: The hooker on the tight head side of the scrum will be allowed to strike with the near foot—i.e., on equal terms with the hooker on the loose head side. At present only the fourth or further foot of either hooker may first play the ball.

Law 16 THE TACKLE: Subject to certain safeguards, a player will be able to play the ball after the tackle in any lawful way—i.e., he need not first play it with the foot as at present.

Law 20 OBSTRUCTION: The foul play (Law 34) are now applied to the more serious forms of obstruction.

Law 24 PENALTY: The scope for the short penalty kick is extended—viz., the kick need not travel five yards and may be kicked in any direction, provided it is not next to the target.

Law 25 PLACE KICK AFTER TRY: The kicker may place the ball, provided he can charge as the kicker begins his run or offers to kick.

Law 27 TOUCH: When the ball is thrown in crooked the other team has the option of either throwing in themselves or taking a scrum.

Law 34 FOUL PLAY AND MISCONDUCT: Foul play is specifically applied to early and late tackling and dangerous tackling. In all cases of foul play the referee must either caution the offender or send him off and in addition award a penalty.

For a second offence he must send the player off. If the referee considers that but for the foul play (including certain forms of obstruction) a try would probably have been scored he should award a penalty try. At present this is only done if he considers a try would undoubtedly have been scored.

Law 35 REPEATED INFRINGEMENT: In the case of repeated infringement of Law 20 (Obstruction) and of Law 34 (Foul Play and Misconduct) the player must be sent off.

For repeated infringements of other laws the player shall be cautioned. If he ignores the caution the referee shall report

Century By Alim-Ud-Din At Kingston

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 21.

A century by Alim-Ud-Din, a regular opening batsman dropped to number six in the order, helped the Pakistan touring cricket team take a first innings lead of 130 runs over Jamaica on the second day of their match here.

Alim-Ud-Din scored 107 in Pudstain's total of 207 scored in reply to Jamaica's first innings of 167.

At the close Jamaica had scored 12 for no wicket in their second innings.

Alim-Ud-Din, who batted for three hours and 32 minutes and hit 17 boundaries, had an escape before scoring, being dropped at leg slip off the spinner, R. Scarlett.

Wazir Mohammad, who scored 41, helped him put on 90 for the fifth wicket.

Pakistan scored the 230 runs today added today in four and a half hours.—Reuter.

ARCARO RIDES HIS 4,000TH WINNER

Arcadia, California, Feb. 20. Eddie Arcaro, 41-year-old American jockey, rode his 4,000th winner here today.

He is the third jockey to reach this target. The others were Johnny Longden, the Yorkshire-born rider who has won 5,091 races in the United States, and Britain's Sir Gordon Richards, whose score was 4,870.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Feb. 20. Results in today's football matches were:

FA Cup Fifth Round Replay: Blackburn Rovers 2, Cardiff City 1. (Winners at home to Liverpool).

League Two: Leyton Orient 1, West Ham United 4.

League Three North: Scunthorpe United 3, Hull City 0.—Reuter.

ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM OUT

Aussies Go To Fantastic Lengths To Prepare For An International Contest

Says DEREK JOHN

London.

Australians win the rubber against South Africa....Australians retain the Davis Cup....Three Australians break nine world swimming records....Two Australians run a sub-four-minute mile.

All this in the course of the past eight weeks. It has become impossible to keep Australian sportsmen and women out of the news.

What's the secret behind this outstanding record in the world of sport? How does one country manage to produce such giants of sport as Lew Hoad, Mal Anderson, Ashley Cooper, Ilsa and Jon Konrads, Dawn Fraser, Herb Elliott and Merv Lincoln?

Most of all, it seems to be the result of a policy of "start them young and train them hard." Other countries have very promising youngsters, but many are afraid of rushing them along too quickly.

Not so in Australia. When they find an outstanding youngster they submit him to a rigorous training programme and often make him compete against much older players.

Take, for example, those amazing "water babies," Ilsa and Jon Konrads. Neither of them could swim at all when they arrived in Australia from Latin America seven years ago. But in four years, under Sydney coach Don Talbot, they had both reached world class.

The performances of Ilsa, 13, and Jon, 15, have made coaches in other countries wonder whether they have been unnecessarily cautious. Many young international swimmers train for one or two hours a day, but the Australian swimming stars train for at least five hours a day—every day—without harmful effect.

Great Record

There are other reasons for Australia's great record in sport. It is a recognised fact that their youngsters mature at an unusually early age. Obvious examples: Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, who at 18 became the youngest-ever winners of the Wimbledon Doubles Championship.

The Australians are also extremely competitive-minded and will go to almost fantastic lengths to prepare for an international contest. For instance, I hear that the Australians have been timing British lavers in preparation for the bowls events in the British Empire Games in Cardiff, Wales, next July. They hope to produce the same kind of conditions at home for practice games.

In tennis the Australian coaches have been the first to make use of a robot tennis machine which is capable of producing almost every known stroke in the game, from any direction and at different speeds. You've got to hand it to these Aussies. They are really keen.

Astonishing

The astonishing Jean Borotra of France, now in his 60th year, has told his friends that he has every intention of competing in the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships this year. It will be his 29th appearance—easily a record.

Borotra first entered Wimbledon in 1922 and appeared every year until 1955, except 1946 and 1947.

He has won every possible Wimbledon title—the singles twice (1924 and 1929); the men's doubles three times (1925, 1932, and 1933); and the mixed doubles once (with Susan Lenglen in 1925). He was also three times runner-up for the singles title.

How can he continue to play first-class tennis at the age of 60? The secret seems to be the special exercises he has done every morning of his life. He is still as fit as most men half his age; his biggest handicap is failing sight.

The beret-wearing Borotra now plays in spectacles and at Wimbledon confines his activities to the men's and mixed doubles. But don't imagine he is too old for singles. In a recent French tournament, the famous veteran almost beat Gerard Pilet, who is his junior by 35 years.

Important Matches

The programme for England's cricket tour of Australia has still not been decided owing to differences between the MCC and the Australian Board of Control. The MCC want longer breaks between important matches.

Mr S. C. Griffith, Assistant MCC Secretary, says: "We have agreed to play the second and third Test matches over Christmas and the New Year. But we are reluctant to agree to the completion of three six-day Tests, plus travel, within four weeks."

The Australians, it seems, are choosing the dates most likely to produce big attendances. But the MCC are not likely to relent. With three Tests scheduled within a month, England

would be in serious trouble if their party were hit by injuries.

Another problem for the MCC is provided by South Africa's request for an England tour earlier than 1964.

South Africa want—and obviously need—more international cricket. But racial politics eliminate half the Test-playing countries—Pakistan, West Indies and India. The Springboks are not due to receive another touring side until the MCC's

English participation in the European Cup following Manchester United's air disaster.

The Management Committee have been against the European Cup since its inception. Chelsea, as the 1954-5 champions, bowed to the Committee's wishes and refused the invitation to compete.

United, however, took part last season and netted at least £40,000 from their fight through to the semi-final against Real Madrid.

Will Manchester United continue in the European Cup this year? It all depends on the draw. If their opponents are in easy reach by sea and rail, United expect to play. But if their match involves an air trip, they may decide to withdraw.

Rocket Bat

The back room boys of table tennis have developed yet another special weapon for the players. We have seen such developments as the balloon bat, the pimpled bat and the sponge bat. Now comes the rocket bat.

This has spring-operated metal strips inside the rubber-coated surface of the bat. These strips are controlled by a mechanism on the handle which inflates or deflates the surface as required.

Tomi Reiter and Paul Pesch, two of Rumania's star players, have tested the bat. They say that, once mastered, it could become a devastating weapon.

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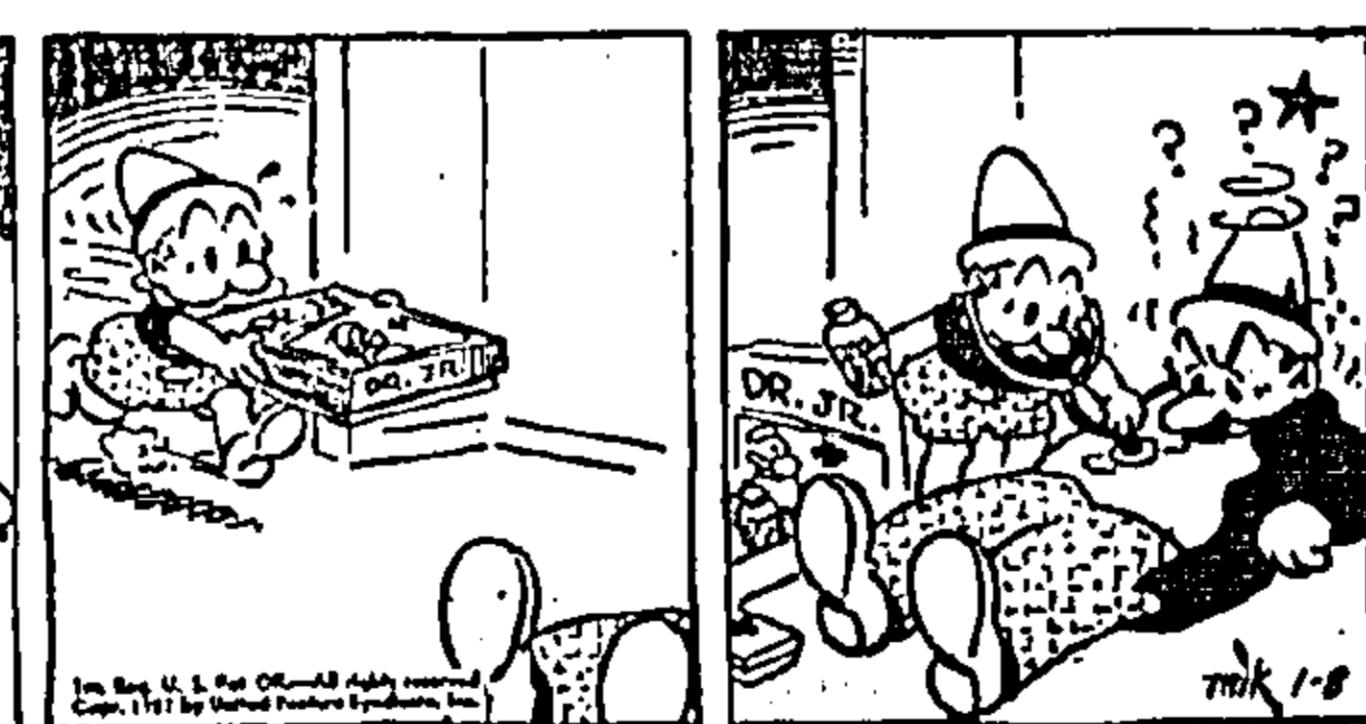
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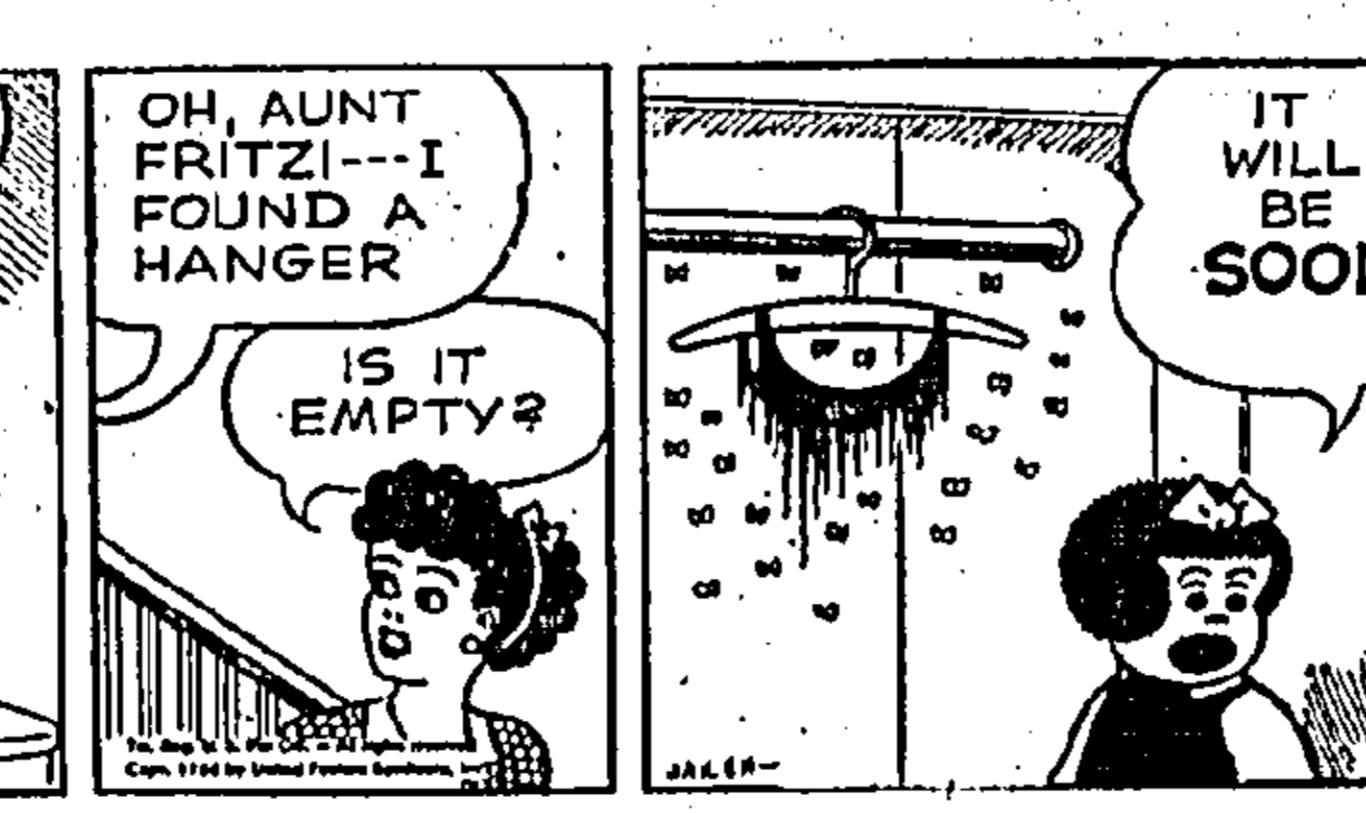
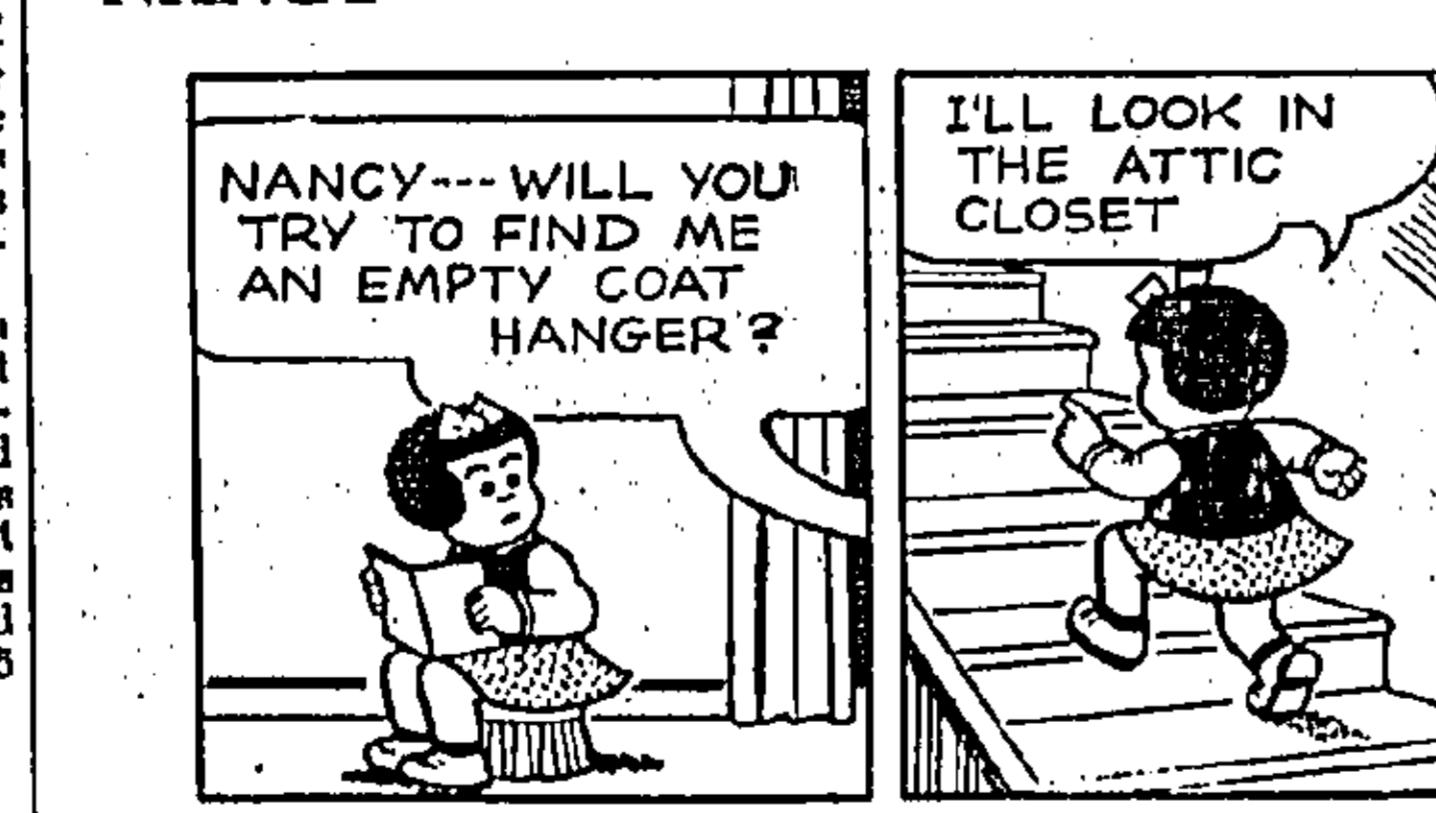
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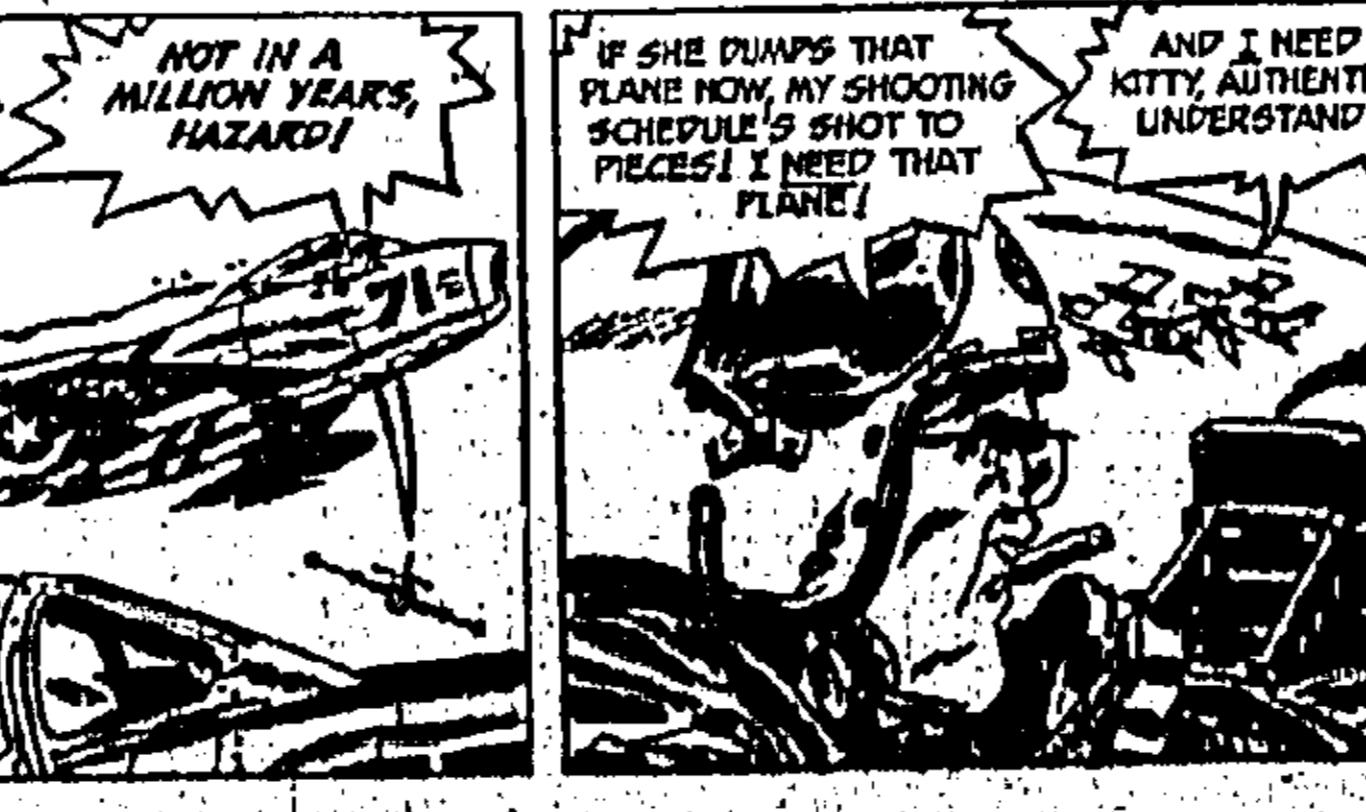
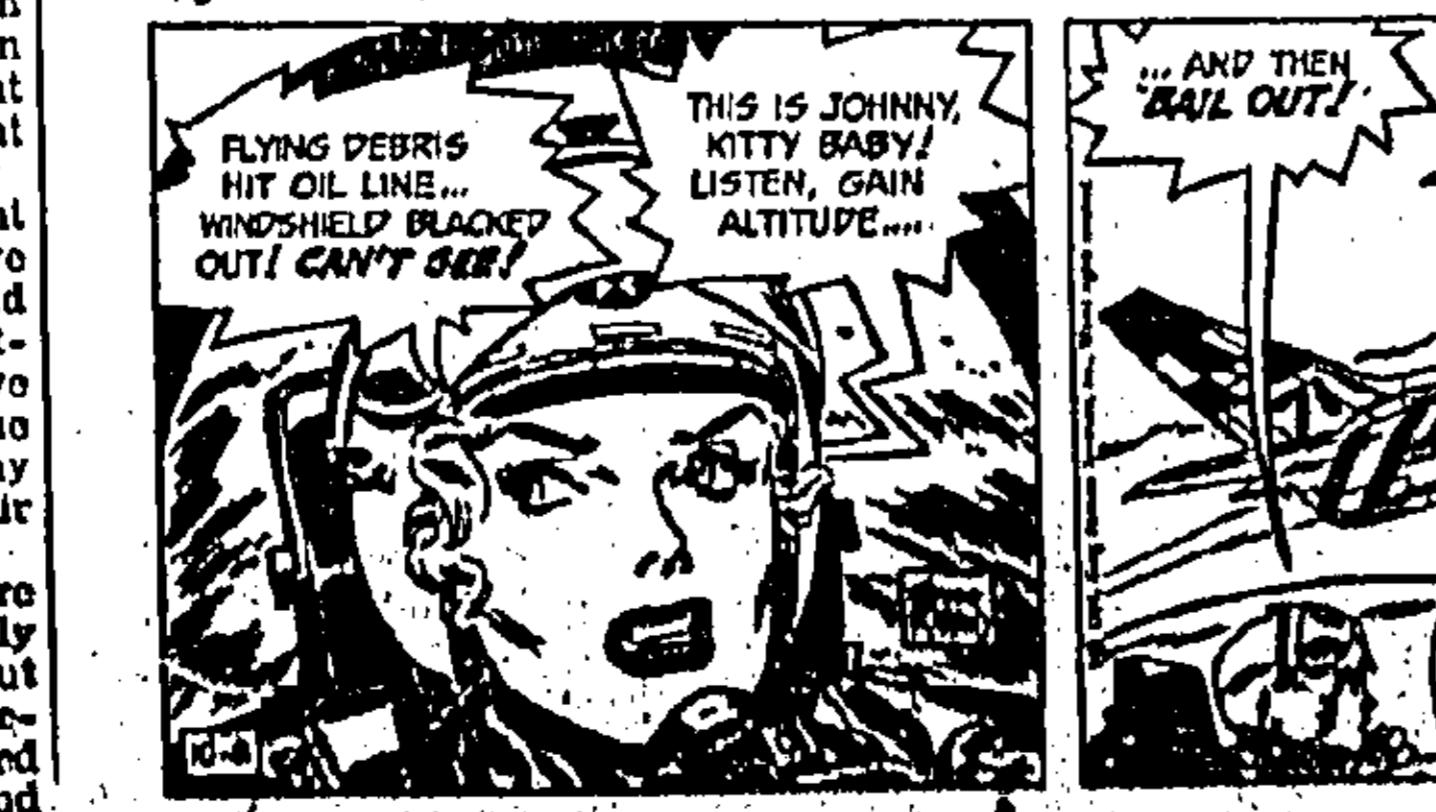
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HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are the Home soccer fixtures for tomorrow:

First Division
Arsenal v Villa
Blackpool v Wednesday
Bolton W. v West-Brom.
Everton v Portsmouth
Leicester v Manchester C.
Luton v Peterborough
Middlesbrough v Burnley
Sheffield U. v Nottingham
Sunderland v Birmingham

Second Division
Barnsley v Stoke
Blackburn R. v Liverpool
Derby v Rotherham
Fulham v Grimsby
Ipswich v Bradford
Notts C. v Carlisle
Sheffield v Bradford Park
Swansea v Barnsley
West Ham v Bristol C.

Third Division (South)
Aldershot v West Brom.
Birkenhead v Colchester
Gillingham v Walsall
Gravesend v Shrewsbury
Newport v Northampton
Plymouth v Norwich
Queen's P.R. v Southampton
Southend v Bournemouth
Swindon v Crystal Palace

Third Division (North)
Bradford C. v Tranmere
Clyde v Bury
Dartford v Accrington
Gateshead v Hartlepool
Halifax v Chester
Huddersfield v Southport
Stockport v Oldham
Tipton v Chesterfield
Wrexham v Darwen

Scottish League "A"
Aberdeen v Falkirk
Clyde v Inverness
Fife v St Mirren
Hibernian v Celtic
Kilmarnock v Rangers
Motherwell v Queen's Park
Third Lanark v Partick Thistle

Scottish League "B"
Abition v Montrose
Ayr v Dumbarion
Athletic v Hamilton
Beecham v St Johnstone
Cowdenbeath v Dundee
Dundee v Dumbarton
Falkirk v Forfar
Morton v Stirling
Stenhousemuir v Stirling

Sports Diary

TODAY

Golf: Old Dragon's Cup Final.
Squash Colony Championship final at Victoria Barracks court, 5.30 p.m.
Football: IIFA Dinner in honour of Korean Football Team, winner House, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Cricket 1st Division: Army "South" v G.C. Scorpions v Recreio, Police v K.C.C. Optimists.

2nd Division: Army "South" v N.I. Blues v Army "North" v U.S.A. Veterans v Army Centurions v K.C.C. "Wampus".

Boxing Combined Chinese v Korean Football Team, Hongkong Stadium, 3.30 p.m.

Hockey Ladies' Cup: First Round: Grenline v Recreio "B" (Recrivo) 4.15 p.m.; King's "B" v Club "B" (Club) 2.30 p.m.

Rugby 40 Fd Regt v RAF (ADS) 3.30 p.m.; Army v Police (ADS) 4.15 p.m.; Club "B" v RAF "B" (Club) 3 p.m.; Navy v Club (Club) 4.15 p.m.

Snooker

Table Tennis

Volleyball

Wrestling

Yachting

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

UTILITIES FAIRLY ACTIVE Market Opens After Holidays On Steady Note

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange opened after the holidays on a steady note with utilities tending to harden.

There were fractional price changes over the holidays and the tally was eight higher, eight unchanged and eight lower, compared with five higher, nine unchanged and ten lower last week.

With only two and a half days of business, turnover was down to \$1,083 million compared with \$2,06 million last week.

Reflection

Utilities were fairly active over the week, Trams tacking on 30 cents with sales yesterday at \$24.00. This was a reflection of Trams' increased dividend this year of 20 cents.

On the other hand Telephones went down to \$27.10 on the announcement of their dividend and bonus which was similar to last year's. This share, however, recovered enough to close yesterday at \$29.40—a gain of ten cents on the week.

Hongkong Telephones declared a dividend of \$1.50 plus a cash bonus of 25 cents. Last year the dividend was \$1.50 plus a cash bonus of 25 cents for old shares and a dividend of 75 cents and a bonus of 12½ cents for new shares. Appropriation for this year's dividend and bonus will be \$5,250,000 compared with \$4,287,500 last year, nearly \$1 million more.

Cements, which announced a dividend of \$3 compared with \$4 last year, had a sale yesterday at \$25.60, which was a loss of 50 cents on the week.

Restricted

Here is an Ice House Street observer's account of the market:

In a week restricted to only two and a half days trading little interest was displayed in the Stock Market and consequently price movements either way were negligible. However, the underline generally appeared quite steady.

Utilities found most support with Telephones, China Lights and Trams fairly active.

Telephones dropped 20 cents on the announcement of a similar dividend and bonus as last year, namely, \$1.50 and 25 cents, but quickly recovered after the holidays when a number of issues showed a slightly firmer tendency. The Electric, Electric Trams, China Lights, Humphreys and Wheelocks Other firms spots were in Docks and Lane Crawfords. Elsewhere there was little of note to report.

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	Jan 28	Jan 30	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Up or Down
HK Bank	840	832½	835	835	835	steady
Lombard	33n	32b	33	33½	33½	+25
Union	74s	73s	70	69b	71	+22
Wheelock	6.45b	6.70	6.25x	6.25	6.30	+50
HK Wharf	121s	120n	120	118	119m	+31
HK Docks	51s	49	50	51½	51½	steady
Provident	12.20	12	12.40	12.20	12.30	+10c
HK Hotels	16.30	16.60	16.00	16.60	16.60	steady
HK Lands	33	33	34	34	34m	0
HK Realty	1.35n	1.35	1.35w	1.35b	1.35b	steady
HK Trams	24.30	23.80	24.30	24.30	24.60	+30c
Star Ferry	124	124	124	124	124	-81.50
Yau Ma Tei	95	94b	97½	97½	97½	steady
Chi Lights	16.00	16.00	17.20	17.20	17.10	-20c
Electric	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.20	26	-20c
HK Telephone	26.20	26.50	27.20	27.30	27.40	+10c
G.I.T.	24.00	24	26.30	26.10s	25.60	-50c
Dairy Farm	16.50	16.10	16.50	16.50	16.50	steady
A.S. Watson	12.10b	12.20b	12.30	12.10	12b	-10c
Kantzler	5.55	5.50	5.45b	5.50n	5.50n	steady
Allied	3.675n	3.675n	3.70	3.675	3.60b	-20c
H.K. & E.E. Inv.	10	10n	10n	10n	9.80b	-20c
Textile Corp.	4.55n	4.575n	4.60b	4.50b	4.55	+5c
Nanyang	8.40	8.40	8.60	8.50b	8.55b	+5c

Market Diary
Here is a market diary of the week:
Friday: Ruled steady. T/O: \$719,000.
Monday: Little interest. T/O: \$104,000.
Thursday: Light scale trading. T/O: \$432,000.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$258,000. Noon quotations and the morning's share sales were:

Shares Buyersellers Sales

BANKS 800 22 6 62

INSURANCES 71

Union ... 1.10

Waterloo ... 1.10

Humphreys 10.40 500 6 16.40

Really ... 1.35

Rubber ... 1.35

UTILITIES 1225 1.27 3000 6 125

Trams ... 24.50 24.70 2500 6 24.60

Yau Ma Tei ... 97 68

C. Light ... 17 17.20 500 6 17

Electric ... 27.00 28 500 6 27.20

Telephone ... 27.20 27.30 1000 6 27.30

100 6 27.20

INDUSTRIALS 25.60 200 6 25.20

200 6 25.10

200 6 25

Hope Stores ... 14.00

Dairy ... 16.50 16.60

Watson ... 12.30 600 6 12.10

100 6 12.20

Lane, Crawf ... 15.30

Textiles ... 4.50 4.00

MISCELLANEOUS 1.50

INVESTMENTS 11.50

H.K. & E.E. Inv. ... 1.00

Sungata ... 1.20

The New York Stock Market

New York, Feb. 20.
Selling hit the chemical shares in the late dealings on the stock exchange today. Their weakness helped pulled down the whole market after a feeble rally attempt in the last hour.

Du Pont broke more than 2 points. Union Carbide set a new low and touched off some institutional selling. Allied Chemical dropped more than a point. U.S. Borax touched a new low.

Steel ran into difficulty also with National Gaffers, Engelhard, Whirlpool, lost more than 2 points on a dividend reduction. Several other specials lost 2 points or better. General Electric lost more than a point in the blue chips. Oils were hit late in the day and possibly eased. Paper shares eased.

It was a day of conflicting news developments with one outstandingly favourable item in the oil cult in reserve requirements that could pump 3 billion credits into the economy. This had been anticipated by the market and possibly discounted.

Airports, except Chance Vought declined by fractions to more than a point. Utilities performed better than other major groups. Tobacco came back after their sharp break yesterday on another blast against the companies, this one from a House of Representatives committee.

Of a total 1,005 issues traded, 517 declined, 319 advanced. New York Stock Exchange volume was 2,000,000 shares. New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,840,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 540,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages were:

20 Industrials ... 429.74
10 rails ... 105.80
15 utilities ... 72.00
50 stocks ... 180.70
Conn. future price index ... 197.40

Closing Prices

	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Open interest	
Alden Inc. A/c	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	6,000
Allied Chemicals	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30,000
Allied Mills Inc.	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23,000
Allis Chalmers	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1,000
Am. Brake Syst.	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1,000
American Canine	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1,000
American Cable & Radio Corp.	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b
American Cyanamid Co.	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1,000
Am. Eng. & Power	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1,000
Am. Gas & Electric	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b	41b
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Government Appointments

The following postings, transfers, appointments and promotions in the various Government departments were notified in today's Government Gazette:

Legal

Mr M. Heenan, Senior Crown Counsel, to be Acting Solicitor-General during the absence of Mr Hooper.

Post Office

Mr A. G. Crook, Deputy Postmaster-General, to be Acting Postmaster-General, us from February 20, vice Mr L. C. Saville who is on leave prior to retirement; consequently, Mr C. G. Folwell, Chief Postal Accountant, to be Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, in addition to his substantive duties.

Police

Mr P. J. Clough to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, on transfer from the Federation of Malaya.

Mr C. Willcox, Senior Superintendent of Police, assumed duty on February 8 on returning from leave; consequently, Mr A. Morrison, Superintendent, ceased to act as Senior Superintendent.

Education

Miss M. P. Taylor to be a school mistress.

Mr Andrew Magdalino to be an Education Officer as from January 9. Mr Magdalino arrived in Hongkong on February 8.

Public Health

Dr Chan Ngai-tung to be Medical Officer.

Public Works

Mr G. C. Dovey to be a Building Surveyor on probation as from January 9. Mr Dovey arrived here on February 8.

Audit

Mr Percy Thomas Warr to be Principal Auditor on transfer from the Federation of Nigeria. The appointment was dated January 9 and Mr Warr arrived in Hongkong on February 8.

London, Feb. 20.
The Chinese People's Republic has now ousted Japan as the third biggest supplier to the United Kingdom of cotton grey cloth (unprocessed cloth.)

Imports of this cloth from China has now become large enough to be included in the Board of Trade's monthly statistical list and in January no less than 6.2 million square yards came from China compared with 1.2 million a year ago and only 455,000 yards two years ago.

This was not the only feature of Britain's imports in January. Imports from Hongkong reached what is believed to be the record total of 8.7 million square yards, against 5.6 million in January 1957 and 4.8 million in January 1956. — Reuter.

Imports of cotton grey cloth from India, too, kept well up to the total of 13.8 million square yards against 12.3 million a year ago and 9.5 million two years ago, but those from Japan dropped sharply to the lowest monthly total for more than a year, only 2.8 million square yards arriving in January, compared with 5.8 million a year ago and 3.1 million two years ago.

Total United Kingdom cotton grey cloth imports last month

were well up to the average at 33.3 million square yards, compared with 31.3 million in January last year and 20.1 million two years ago.

The large imports of grey cotton cloth from China supplies still another headache for the Lancashire cotton industry, which has repeatedly expressed concern over the rising imports of cloth from the Far East but it is possible that even Lancashire will be surprised at the size of the imports which get official tabulation for the first time since the war.

Books Printed

Nearly 300 publications in Chinese for various tastes in the literary field, including translations and school textbooks were published in the last three months of last year.

These books were written, printed and published in Hongkong, according to today's Government Gazette.

OPEN SECRET

"Last August he had an operation for the removal of the gall bladder."

"Mr Lennox-Boyd, 53, sits in Parliament for Mid-Bedfordshire. It is an open secret that he does not mean to fight the next general election. Instead, he will turn to the affairs of the great Guinness enterprise—his wife, Lady Patricia, is a Guinness.

"Many of his associates now believe that Mr Lennox-Boyd's return to business will come sooner than he at first intended." — London Express Service.

Contractors

The Government Gazette today listed the following contractors as having been included in the contractors' register kept by the Building Authority:

Messrs Lee Fung Construction Co. of 18, Graham Street, ground floor; Messrs Leung Shing Kee Building Contractor of 20, Lan Kwai Fong, ground floor; Messrs Wah Sang Tai of 128, Kennedy Road, ground floor; and Messrs Wah Yuen Construction Co. of 18, Bonham Strand West.

New Bank

The Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie has been granted a licence by the Governor in Council to carry on banking business in Hongkong, today's Government Gazette states.

Promotions

Sgt W. L. T. Crunden and Col N. Leigh-Bennett of the Hongkong Regiment have been promoted to 2/Lieutenants as from February 6, today's Government Gazette states.

Midwives Board

Miss Lovinia Lai Man-jong was appointed a Member of the Midwives Board as from March 1, vice Miss May Wong who resigned, according to today's Government Gazette.

A Chinese woman was stopped and robbed of a wrist watch by a man on the staircase at No. 18 Kimberley Street at 10 p.m. yesterday.

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"A Question Of Fact" Was Not An Experiment

By JOHN LUFT

There was quite a lot of chattering as the curtain fell last night upon the first performance of the Garrison Players production of "A Question of Fact."

The Colonial Secretary left London unexpectedly today for 10 days of "rest and recuperation" in Italy. "I am feeling much better now," he said at the airport, "and should be perfectly fit after this holiday." "Unless the health of Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd improves shortly, I should not be surprised if he retired from politics even before the next general election."

"Londoner" writes in the Evening Standard today:

"Unless the health of Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd improves shortly, I should not be surprised if he retired from politics even before the next general election."

The word one heard bandied about was "experimental," but such is not the case. "A Question of Fact," in its present incarnation, is neither. It is an experiment for the Garrison Players, although they are inclined to try "safe" plays. What such members of the audience meant was, it is the first time the Garrison Players have produced a problem play and got away with it.

In reading the following, I should like to remind you that I am biased towards the play. It is not one of your slaps-tick, knock-about, or even one of your polite suburban comedies. It is strong meat, stuff from a good playwright who knows the business of the theatre which holds up the mirror to life. And I will take my stand upon this; taking it all round, it is the best bit of casting put out by any of our local players for many a long day.

Regarding production. The pace is too slow in the beginning, in fact Roger Needell should speed it up all round and heighten the gathering tension of the play. But I give it for what it is worth; I have not enjoyed a play so much for many a long day.

Casting

First take the casting of Mollie Crosbie. Up to now she has been typed as the cheerful housemaid. In this play she is the central figure from whom the other players pivot. In one of the best bits of theatre I have seen for a long time, the playwright holds her back for a whole scene until the audience is longing to see what the woman is like.

Miss Crosbie walks in and immediately the audience is shaken, for they have been led by the nose, as in the great British Public, every Sunday morning, by the scandal papers, to expect a type. The skillful playwright is saying to you the audience, "For goodness sake think for yourselves, there is no type; this could happen to you or to your family."

On that one scene alone which was sprung upon the audience, I say the Garrison Players achieved a new high mark.

Well Cast

Margaret Higgins as Nannie, a garrulous old domestic, is well cast as is John Pirie as an old schoolmaster. Janet Howes the essentially bourgeois Nina Trafford has all the spiteful lack of charity so characteristic of suburbia, but on the other hand Victor Ladd was not strong enough in his part as his husband, where, as I say it, the author intended that his quiet determined part should offset her potty conventional standards.

Robert Reid is a kind of Hamlet-like figure in the play, haunted by a sense of tragedy and subconscious fears he is afraid to face. His performance must be judged by what you expect from such a part. The days of great soliloquy are over. He reveals himself in snatches of conversation and bursts of

Legal Submissions In Suit Against Wheclock Marden

Further legal submissions in support of the plaintiff's case were given before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Supreme Court this morning in the suit for \$960,000 against Wheclock Marden and Co., Ltd, involving the motor vessel Lady Wolmer.

The amount claimed comprised the value of the ship and general damages for her alleged delinquency and conversion.

The Lady Wolmer, a 1,883-ton merchantman, was stranded on May 19, 1953, off Cheju Island, near the South Korean coast, and was abandoned as a total loss on May 22.

Plaintiff is Mr Alexander Kwong, trading as Roland and Co., of 22 Tsz Tse Mu Road, North Point. He is represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Richard Winter, both instructed by Mr M. E. Ives, of Peter Mo and Co.

Wheclock, Marden and Co., Ltd, are represented by Mr John McNelli and Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr F. G. Nigel, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Bare Allegation

Continuing his submissions from yesterday, Mr Bernacchi contended on the question of misrepresentation, that the only allegation of misrepresentation in the present case was the bare allegation by the defendants that there had in fact been a misrepresentation on the part of the plaintiff.

Counsel said it was not alleged either that by reason of such misrepresentation the defendants were entitled to avoid the contract.

Mr Bernacchi went on to refer to a paragraph of the statement of defence, and two of its subsections, and contended that their effect was that the defendants could not legally pass the beneficial interest in the vessel to the plaintiff, and that they therefore did not do so.

Not Concerned

He maintained that the Court was not concerned in this action with what the defendants could or could not legally have done.

The plaintiff, he said, was not suing for the enforcement of the agreement; he was suing with regard to conversion in respect of the defendants' subsequent wrongful act in taking the vessel away from the plaintiff.

Mr Bernacchi submitted that a beneficial owner was just as much an owner as registered owner, even though an agreement to transfer was not an actual transfer within the meaning of the penalty clauses of the Merchant Shipping Act.

SUICIDE OF FORMER POLICEMAN

Mr Yiu Mok, a retired Police Sub-Inspector, died of a gunshot wound in his left temple last October and at an inquest held at Kowloon Court this morning, a jury of three determined that death was due to suicide.

Evidence adduced today testified that the revolver with which the ex-Police officer shot himself on the night of October 13-14 as he was lying paralysed in his bed was a weapon licensed by the Police following the officer's retirement.

Mr T. Crodon was the Coroner.

Dr H.M. Yuen of the Kowloon Hospital who performed the post mortem examination, said the fatal shot was fired at close range with the left hand.

HYPERTENSION

A friend of the deceased for many years, Dr Lam Yu-shing said Mr Yiu Mok had been suffering from hypertension and following a stroke which occurred sometime before his death, his right side became paralysed. He last saw the deceased on October 13 last and the sick man was depressed.

The widow of the deceased, Ngan Wei-chun, said it was about 3 a.m. on October 13 when she was in the toilet that she heard the report of a gun. She rushed out and found her husband lying across his bed wounded and a revolver was on the floor close by.

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